

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

Tanaka

In Applicant's 1.111 Amendment of May 18, 2005, Applicant pointed out that Tanaka fails to disclose or suggest a controller changing a process control of a charging device or a developing device based on a color image forming operation or a monochrome image forming operation.

In response to this fact, The Examiner asserts that paragraph 0010 of Tanaka discloses this limitation.

Paragraph 0010 of Tanaka describes that a detection means detects a parameter based on the concentration of an image developed by each of the development means in a toner patch test and that a control means controls the image formation conditions based on the detected parameter. Thus, the image formation conditions of Tanaka are controlled based on the result of a toner patch test rather than on whether the printing performed is color printing or monochrome printing, as in the invention of the present Application.

Therefore, Applicant amends Claim 1 for purposes of clarity. Claim 1, as herein amended recites: "a controller, which changes a process control of at least one of the charging devices and the developing devices such that the process control for at least one of the charging devices and the developing devices is different for a color image formation operation than for a monochrome image formation operation." Applicant submits that Tanaka neither discloses nor suggests this limitation.

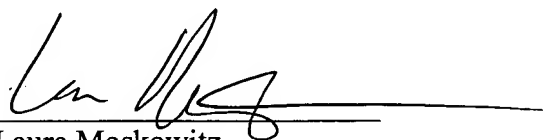
Thus, Applicant submits that Tanaka fails to anticipate Claim 1 and that Claims 2-11 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependence on Claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1-11 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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